

# An Awakened Church

*The executive committee of ministerial relief find GREAT JOY in announcing to the Church the success of the campaign to add \$204,000 to the endowment fund of ministerial relief within the year 1916. A year ago a liberal elder of the church made an offer to add \$68,000 to the fund, if the whole church during 1916 would contribute twice that amount. He extended the time limit to January 10, 1917. On the morning of January 6, there had come into the hands of our treasurer ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS. The conditions have been met; this large gift has been secured. The endowment fund is now \$536,780 and still growing. The General Assembly has directed the committee to secure \$1,000,000 for this fund and it is believed that the return from this effort will go far on towards that amount.*

Our hearts are full of gratitude to God, Who has put into the heart of our friend to do this great thing, and Who has guided His people to a fuller appreciation of the obligation resting upon them with regard to the just and proper care of the faithful ministers of Christ, who at his command have trusted the church to which they have given their love and service. This cause is now upon the consciences and the hearts of our people as never before. Hundreds of remittance letters contained

much expressions of loving interest and told of prayers in the closet, at the family altar, in organizations and at the stated services in the house of God for the success of the campaign.

*The gifts are all cash in hand, except a small amount in legal interest bearing notes. Interest from these invested funds will continue throughout the coming years to bring relief to needy homes of our self-denying ministers. The ministers of the church who are now bearing the burden of the day and the scorching heat, as they see the evidence of the love and loyalty of the church, will be better "freed from worldly care and avocations," as they realize anew that the church they have served will not cast them off in time of old age, nor fail to care for their dependent ones when they are called to their reward.*

May the promise made to these who had ministered unto his servants, "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," be fulfilled in the lives of all who are helping in this cause. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." GIFTS TO THE MILLION DOLLAR FUND should be sent to

***Mr. John Stites, Treasurer, Louisville Trust Co., Fifth and Market Sts., Louisville, Ky.***

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